

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR HARVEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY – JUNE 24, 2019– 6:30 P.M.**

Mayor Christopher J. Clark called the regular scheduled city council meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Clark asked City Clerk Rosa Arambula to call the roll of Council members. Present were Alderwoman Shirley Drewenski, Aldermen Quinton Crudup, Tracy Key, Dominique Randle-El, and Mayor Christopher J. Clark.

Absent at roll call were Aldermen Marshun Tolbert and Tyrone Rogers.

Melville King Jr. gave the invocation and Mayor Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Clark Please fill out the form on the table to my left and comments are 2 minutes.

Melville King Jr. reported that at 146th Sibley Blvd. he has cut the grass cut and placed flowers and some lights, it should be a thing of beauty and not an eye sore. He has contacted the VA for some new flags. He reported a barbed wire fence at 148th that need to come down and reported of some illegal dumping.”

Cathy Harris 15406 Robey reported some illegal dumping of trash and mattress in the back alley of the Robey building. It’s unhealthy. The apartment building all the way down 154th street needs to be boarded up.”

Breanna Weiseitter “I would like to know if we can actually have a town hall meetings instead of coming up here for 2 minutes. We can talk about block clubs and come together as a group and then take it to the mayor as a unit.”

Michael Smith “I would like to get criminal justice reform started here in Harvey.”

Amber Hughes she’s a student at NIU and would like to see more activities for the teens and youth on Harvey.”

Ross Burgess “I’m with the Harvey Church of Christ and tonight I have with me is First Lady Florence; we are starting our 1st Annual free summer program for ages 6-17.

Ms. Cannon as a citizen I would like to know about the Ordinance we need to know why the City council needs additional legal counsel?

Chapel Hooks "My question is with the agenda now the 30 minutes for public comment, my concern is it doesn't make sense because you've already voted on items we may have question to. .

Bryant Jackson "Enough is enough! I'm here concerning the Harvey Police Department I feel that we are being targeted, this is be going on 2015, I have Police officers filing false police reports, my son was charged and should have been not been. My nice filed a FOIA request and we are not giving us information we need justice, I'm tired of being railroaded from the justice system.

Mayor Clark "Thank you for your comments let us move on the approval of the Minutes."

Aldermen Tolbert and Rogers arrived at meeting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED May 16, 2019:

Alderwoman Drewenski "I would like to take them separate, I was not in attendance on May 28th meeting."

Alderman Randle -El "I have a question on the minutes dated May 16,2019, where we discussed the signature requirements for checks, the conversation where we discussed was not present, it just says there was lengthy discussion. It doesn't give the detail what that discussion was and its important information for that resolution."

Alderwoman Drewenski made the motion to approve the minutes dated May 16, 2019 with added conversation concerning the resolution. The motion was second by Alderman Randle -El.

Voting aye were Alderman Randle -El, Key, Crudup, Tolbert, Rogers and Drewenski

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED May 28, 2019:

Alderman Randle made the motion to approve the minutes dated May 28, 2019. The motion was second by Alderman Crudup.

Voting aye were Aldermen Crudup, Rogers, Randle-El, Tolbert and Key,
Alderwoman Drewenski - Abstained

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED June 10, 2019:

Alderdwoman Drewenski made the motion to approved the minutes dated June 10,2019. The motion was second by Alderman Rogers.

Voting aye were Alderdwoman Drewenski, Aldermen Randle-El, Key, Crudup, Rogers and Tolbert.

MOTION CARRIED

OVERTURNING MAYOR VETO:

A. An ordinance number 3232 reorganizing standing committee of the City of Harvey

Alderman Randle- El made the motion to overturn the mayor veto of ordinance number 3232. The motion was second by Alderman Rogers.

Voting aye were Alderman Randle-El, Key, Crudup, Tolbert, Rogers and Drewenski
Voting nay were Alderdwoman Drewenski and Alderman Key.

MOTION CARRIED

B. A Resolution authorizing the retention of Legislative Counsel.

Alderman Rogers made the motion to override the mayor veto for the retention of Legislative Counsel. The motion was second by Alderman Randel El.

Alderman Tolbert "What is your response

Alderman Randel El "Legislative Counsel is here for our support when we need further understanding on ordinance, we may run in to conflict with another agenda that has come out of the mayor's office and to be quit frank the corporate council serves as council for the mayor. This allows us to have an unbiased opinion when we are addressing things. We have already had example. I feel like there is a need and we understand that it is an added expense and its only to be used if absolutely necessary for us to do that we need to have legislative counsel in place to do that."

Alderdwoman Drewenski "I do have a questions regarding that veto, I was not here at that meeting but I need clarification over riding the Legislative Counsel, I don't even know who that legislative counsel is. But in that ordinance there was legal fees they had it written down as \$185.00 an hour and then in \$200.00 and then down the way it

read there will be additional expenses. So what is the actual salary of this Legislative Counsel that is suppose to represent me too and I don't have the name or number. I'm asking you guys on the ordinance what is there salary" Are we paying him \$185.00 an hour or are we paying him \$200.00 an hour? They need to resubmit."

Alderman Rogers "When Council was in negotiations with Counsel, The two hundred dollars an hour and after negotiations we wanted the lowest responsible bidder possible the \$185.00 and that is the one we are paying,"

Alderwoman Drewenski, excuse me Mr. Mayor, I would like that Ordinance to be amended since we're sticking out the \$200.00 dollars. Then I would like to discuss the miscelleous fees and whatever the other fees are for additional staff. So you are saying Alderman Rogers that this firm is charging \$185.00 an hour period

Alderman Rogers, Yes.

Alderwoman Drewenski "So there are no additional fees?"

Alderman Tolbert "Motion to resubmit."

Voting aye were Alderman Key and Rogers.

Voting nay were Alderwoman Drewenski, Aldermen Tolbert, Crudup, and Randle-El.

MOTION FAILED

Mayor Clark "Now so that everything is clear you go back and have Legislative counsel them resubmit and clear up their language."

ORDIINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FROTHE CITY OF HARVEY.

Mayor Clark "You have your committees now."

Alderman Randle- El "I make a motion to refer items 2 and 3 to go the Legislative Committee."

Alderman Randle- El "I want to make this clear our committees we are going to 5 and at this point going forward two Alderman cannot discuss anything, I just want to get that out until we deal with that."

Attorney Diamond "There is a provision that states how long a committee can speak on an issue."

Alderman Tolbert "If you have 3 Alderman, even if they under the open meeting at that is in violations.

Attorney Diamond "That is the law. You can check with the Attorney General office."

Alderman Rogers "The sole purpose of forming the committees is to bring items to the entire body. I don't think you are giving us accurate information when it comes to that we would be in violations. I'm willing to get a second opinion just to make sure.... I don't think you giving us accurate advice."

Ordinance # 3375 - An ordinance of the City of Harvey, Illinois modifying the penalty provisions relating to violations of Chapter 5-06 Alcoholic Beverages for the city code.

Alderman Randle El "I was under the understanding that now we have established committees that this would go committee."

Alderwoman Drewenski made the motion to accept Ordinance # 3375. The motion was second by Alderman Tolbert.

Voting aye were Alderman Randle El, Key, Crudup, Tolbert, Rogers and Drewenski.

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance # 3376 - An ordinance of the City of Harvey, Illinois amending Chapter 5 of the municipal code of Harvey concerning hours of operations for alcohol sales and service.

Alderwoman Drewenski made the motion to approve Ordinance # 3376. The motion was second by Alderman Rogers.

Alderman Key "Point of order this should go before committee so that we can have open discussion."

Voting aye were Alderman Crudup, Randle El, Key, Crudup, Tolbert and Alderwoman Drewenski.

Voting Nay was Alderman Rogers.

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance # 3377 - An ordinance of the City of Harvey, Illinois amending Chapter 5 of the municipal code concerning hours of operation of a business operations as a public accommodation that permits the consumption of alcoholic liquor on the business premises even if not sold.

Alderdwoman Drewenski made the motion to approve Ordinance # 3377. The motion was second by Alderman Rogers.

Mayor Clark "We have several bars that acts underground clubs and stay open until 2 and 3 in the morning. These are clubs that deal with liquor anyway BYOB

Alderman Tolbert "This does not close down a restaurants?

Alderman Rogers "These establishment you refer to ,you also have to have a license if your are pouring it out of a bottle, now if you are not pouring it out of a bottle and you are selling bottles of liquor then your would have to refer it to a food and sanitation license."

Attorney Diamond "State law requires you to places of public accommodations you have to locate that does not have a liquor license and allow people to come in this would not affect parties, this would affect clubs that as a part of the club allow them to have liquor if they bring it or have it available."

Alderman Rogers "I do understand we have the option to regulate. The main thing particular is Ordinance #3377 needs to go before committee, this is too fast, and too vague for us to vote on this tonight. I think that this need to be tabled until we can form committee. I'm all in favor for safety of my community but I don't want to penalize, individuals unnecessarily under the pretense that something is going on. I think this is something we need to table and to discuss in committee."

Alderdwoman Drewenski "You sad I you don't want to penalize clubs, well if they are a club and they don't have BYOB the its ok these are for those particular clubs that have BYOB to keep the cost down , we are not saying they can't have it .

Alderman Randle El "I totally agree that we certainly need to do something about these establishments ,my question is this would be a perfect ordinance for me if it stops the liquor sell and I don't believe anyone should be open until 5 a.m.

Voting aye were Alderman Randle -El, Key, Crudup, Tolbert, and Drewenski
Voting nay was Alderman Rogers.

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance # 3378 - An ordinance of the City of Harvey, Illinois amending certain sections of Title 4 Chapter 3 of the City Code.

Mayor Clark "This ordinance deals with water, sewer and refuse bills of rights. Mayor read aloud forte public.

Alderman Drewenski made the motion to approve Ordinance #3378. The motion was second by Alderman Rogers.

Voting aye were Alderman Randle-El, Rogers, Key, Tolbert, Crudup and Alderman Drewenski.

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance # 3379 - An ordinance establishing a limited period amnesty program for certain fines of the City of Harvey, Illinois modifying the penalty provisions relating to violations of Chapter 5-06 Alcoholic Beverages for the city code.

Alderman Randle- El motion to approve Ordinance #3379. The motion was second by Alderman Rogers.

Alderman Rogers, you say fines does this include that tampering fee."

Mayor Clark "A person shall have the right to a hearing if you are accusing them of this."

Alderman Tolbert "Can you tell us what this actually dose for the public.

Mayor Clerk "This ordinance actually, if you do not have a city sticker, it removes that late fee. It is only for the month of July you will pay only the \$50.00. If you have parking tickets you only pay the \$50.00. "

Alderman Randle-El "Considering these fees are outrageous, can we have Corporations Counsel to reduce these fees permanently ?

Mayor Clark "I need someone to make a motion to correct the date to read June 30, 2019 for all sections numbers 2,3,4,5,6 and 7 in this ordinance."

Alderman Tolbert made the motion to correct and approve Ordinance # 3379 to read June 30, 2019 in all the sections. The motion was second by Alderman Rogers.

Voting aye were Alderman Crudup, Alderman Drewenski, Aldermen Rogers, Randle - El, Tolbert, and Key.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution # 2899 - A resolution approving an agreement with Alfred G. Ronan LTD for it consulting services in connection with intergovernmental relations.

Alderwoman Drewenski made the motion to adopt Resolution # 2899. The motion was second by Alderman Rogers.

Voting aye were Alderwoman Drewenski, Aldermen Key, Rogers and Mayor Clark
Voting no were Aldermen Randle El, Crudup and Tolbert.

MOTION CARRIED

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Clark "What is the pleasure of Council?"

Alderwoman Drewenski "Point of order under petition item B they are asking to go until 11:00 p.m. with live music. And the nest day is a work day."

Alderman Tolbert "My concern is with item B this is a family requesting a block.

Alderman Key "My concern was item B, if the Police Department could patrol the area and use the command vehicle."

Alderman Randle-El "I don't want agree to use city resources for a family outings."

Alderman Randle-El "I just want it to go on record, all our special events, we should not be using our police resources for these events."

Alderman Tolbert "Under item "A" I don't see a parade route."

Alderwoman Drewenski "Your event is in August you have time to bring your 503C and your insurance along with security plans. I make a motion to table this until we get all the information".

Mayor Clerk "We need a motion to remove item A under petitions and communications.

Alderwoman Drewenski, I make the motion to approve and remove item A. The motion was second by Alderman Randle-El.

Voting aye were Alderwoman Drewenski, Aldermen Tolbert, Crudup, Key, Randle-El and Rogers.

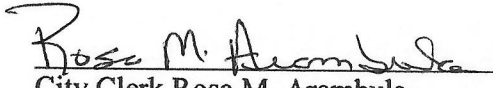
MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: 8:20 p.m.

Aldерwoman Drewenski motioned that Council adjourn meeting. The motion was second by Alderman Tolbert.

Voting Aye were Aldерwoman Drewenski, Aldermen Tolbert, Crudup, Randle-El, Key and Rogers.

MOTION CARRIED


City Clerk Rosa M. Arambula